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ENJOYS LIFE IN THE TRENCHES

CAPT. FOSTER GIVES INTERESTING OUTLINE OF THE WORK CARRIED ON.

In Belgium, Dec. 4, 1915.

My Dear Mr. Wheeler,—It was such a pleasure to receive your letter with the news of the Alpine Club. After we have finished out here I can think of nothing more delightful than another gathering together in the mountains, and I can assure you we all appreciate very much the kind wishes of those who were at the camp this year.

Col. Mitchell, Hesketh, Gordon, Westmorland and many others are in this vicinity and Mitchell suggests the possibility a little later on of a dinner for members of the A. C. C. with the Expeditionary Forces. It would make a unique event in the annals of the Club. I have not, of course seen Oliver since leaving Shorncliffe, over three months now, but hear of him indirectly as being well and doing splendid work, as usual.

Before leaving England I imagined writing so many interesting letters from "somewhere this side" to my friends, but unfortunately overlooked the superior authority in this affair, "The Censor," as after deferring to his wishes the available topics are greatly reduced, so that what should be, with the material available, a letter full of great happenings, must become a sort of glorified Kitchener postcard.

You will have obtained from other sources some description of the country. Our way it is a wonderfully fertile area in which every available foot is cultivated. Slightly rolling ground; numbers of beautiful chateaux which, together with all other buildings adjacent to the firing line, are just a heap of ruins. Small towns, not very far apart, and the land dotted all over with farm houses. Farming is carried on by the women, children and old men just as usual, and they work as close up to the firing line as they are permitted to go. It is also surprising to see how in the ruined towns, still subject to shell fire, the inhabitants still cling to their old homes. They are a brave people, although incidentally of course the farmer is making lots of money selling produce and billeting troops, while others that remain open little cook-shops and cater to the soldiers, who are, of course, very free spenders.

The farm houses are most picturesque—and exceedingly dirty. It may be, of course, that many of the original owners have gone and tenants and caretakers fill their places; but the general design is not conducive to cleanliness. It is as follows:

Build a hole in a low part of the land and surround it by four buildings in the form of a square, all of them connected together; one side of the square becomes the living quarters for the family, one a cow barn, one for horses and feed, and the other pigs, hens and miscellaneous. The hole in the centre is to empty or drain all refuse into from the surrounding buildings. All doors and

most of the windows face it. Around the outside walls in many cases is a moat of stagnant water. It may be the time of year, but our impression of the country just now is "everything very pretty, but covered up with mud."

Behind the firing line the troops out of the trenches are usually billeted in these farm houses, occupying the barn stable lofts, etc., and the ambition of many of our chaps is to meet the artist who is responsible for a poster entitled "What are You Missing in France? Enlist To-day." On this poster was depicted an immense farm house, surrounded by beautiful gardens, orchards and meadows; several very lovely French maidens were on the way to the latter, attired in white dresses, blue sashes, golden hair, etc., escorted by gallant Tommies carrying the milking stools and pails, whilst khaki clad officers, weary of tennis and croquet lounged around the lovely lawns or sat in hammocks sipping tea with the beautiful daughters of the house.

The organization which provides for the army is really wonderful. From railhead the mechanical transport, strings and strings of motor trucks, convey supplies of all kinds, ammunition, food and clothing as far as possible. There is a never ending column of these trucks up and down, but never the slightest confusion in its movements. Where mechanical transport must cease horses and mules commence and the never failing supply goes on to the point where hand distribution takes its place. Never have troops been so well taken care of, and the supply never seems to fail, no matter what the prevailing conditions may be. The Red Cross, too, could not be improved upon. As fast as wounded can be evacuated from the trenches motor ambulances meet them, and, if circumstances permit, by means of the special Red Cross trains and boats the patient may be in England the same day.

The eyes of the army provide the most spectacular work. Day by day, apparently disregarding the stream of shells directed at them by hostile guns, the air craft patrol for information. Occasionally there is an exciting air duel, and three times have we had German air craft drop into our lines. Twice they were brought down after a fight with one of ours, and the third occasion was when a Hun pilot lost himself and did not realize the location. He found out as soon as he alighted.

The artillery is some way back from the lines, under cover to elude the observation of air craft, and the most ingenious devices are used to hide its real position. It is marvellous: the accuracy attained by men who do not see the target they are firing at; but of course observers sent forward give the result of each shot by phone.

Of the great army holding the line of trenches running north and south through France and Belgium nothing can be seen. It is "in" rather than "on" earth, and the contrast between the magnificent organization one sees everywhere to maintain the army and the invisible army itself is most striking. But go down to the trenches and it is then all right and in "top hole" form. Despite the hardships, and at this time of year they are necessarily many, every one of our chaps is in the highest spirits and more confident than ever of success. Our chaps are magnificent. You never hear a grumble, and all are ready for anything at any time. The difference between the morale in our ranks and that prevailing in the Huns must be tremendous. I don't think the Ger-

ans have yet realized the difference in men, or that there is one battle our people always win, no matter how long it takes or what the cost may be, and that is the "Last One."

During the past week a great bombardment took place. From the hill on which I was stationed it was a magnificent sight. Our guns made one continuous roar all the afternoon, shelling trenches, gun emplacements, artillery positions; in fact the whole position opposite was covered with bursting shells, and one wondered how anything could escape. The other side came back at us and made things hot for a while, but our artillery has the undoubted superiority now that plenty of ammunition is available.

The trenches are, of course, very wet and muddy. Between the rain and shells the shape of them is continually changing and a lot of work is entailed in the upkeep. At night every one is on duty and all special undertakings are carried out. The strip of "No-man's Land" between our trenches and the German is patrolled on both sides; whilst on dark nights all suspicious spots are lighted up by flares and rocket lights in order to guard against any possible surprise. The lights give a weird effect until one is used to them. The dug-outs in the trenches are simply shelves cut out without disturbing the surface of the ground, reinforced and augmented by sand bags with sometimes a sack over the opening.

It is rumored that during some heavy work the Brigadier phoned the O. C. in charge of a piece of line who happened to be very busy, as is usually the case, for a report upon the "Attitude of the Enemy." Being "fed up" with reports and under shell fire at the time, he replied: "Enemy's Attitude Hostile." This did not suit and a message came back: "Report inadequate; amplify it." The weary O. C. then reported: "Enemy's attack decidedly hostile."

Personally I am in the best of shape, and if every one feels as fit as I do they must conclude that apart from incidents due to the enemy's attitude, war is a healthy occupation. It is indeed a great adventure, and whilst it is impossible to forget the serious and painful side of it, as one by one our friends and comrades go, we all realize that it is the best of (Continued on page four.)

SIDNEY AND NORTH SAAN-ICH PATRIOTIC FUND.

Subscriptions received for the two weeks ending 30th December, 1915 were as follows:

Amount subscribed up to December 15, for the ensuing year	\$1475.00
Anonymous	25.00
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C. F. Williams	5.00
Total to date	\$1707.00

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the above amounts. The ready response of nearly all approached has made an otherwise difficult task a distinct pleasure.

ARTHUR O. WHEELER.

STORY OF THE STAR A SUCCESS

THE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT WAS A GREAT TIME FOR THE CHILDREN.

The Christmas entertainment held in Berquist's hall on Tuesday evening by the Methodist Sunday school people was a most enjoyable event for all parties concerned. The evening's programme was a most decided success in children's music, and the cantata, "The Story of the Star," was rendered in a way that did them great credit, and Mr. J. Marshall, who trained the children and conducted the evening's programme is to be warmly congratulated because of the high standard the children reached in the production of this musical treat. The choruses were exceptionally well given and the solos and group songs were splendid as well.

The afternoon's programme was most interesting for the children, as they had a frolicking time in the hall with games and different kinds of amusements. When supper time came they were ready for the tables spread with good things to eat. There was nearly a hundred sat down to the long tables in the dining room and they will not soon forget their Christmas Sunday school party.

The first number on the programme for the evening was the unveiling of the star. The ceremony was introduced and accompanied by an overture on the violin and piano, Mr. Marshall being the violinist and Mrs. Deacon the pianist. The ceremony itself was accomplished by Miss Dorothy Reading and Miss Elsie Taylor who, clothed in white and wearing starry crowns, gracefully drew aside the curtains that veiled the brightly illuminated star that was to shine upon the evening's performance. This ended, the school sang a bright and rousing chorus of welcome. Mr. Marshall and the school then read responsively some scripture selections. A chorus entitled "Shine Out, O Star of Beauty," was the next number, after which the Rev. J. Wesley Miller led in a Christmas prayer of thanksgiving. Another chorus admirably rendered was followed by a recitation entitled "One Holy Night," recited by Miss Dorothy Reading.

The succeeding numbers on the programme were as follows: A doll song by little girls whose names were Alice Jackson, Hazel Pfister, Rosy Wright, Hilda Taylor, Jean Munro and Nancy Simister. Soprano solo, "Beautiful Star," by Marjorie Brethour.

Dialogue by four girls representing Asia: "Turkish girl," Elsie Taylor; "Chinese girl," Irene Munro; "Indian girl," Dorothy Reading; "Japanese girl," Marjorie Brethour. Song and quartette entitled, "Brothers and Sisters in Brown."

Chorus by the school, "God is Love" A recitation by eight boys and girls called "Christmas," ending with a chorus "Just as the Stars are Shining."

Duet entitled "The Angel," by Irene Munro and Dorothy Reading. Recitation by Marjorie Brethour en-

titled "Africa."

Recitation by Bernice Clay entitled "Africa Arise."

Duet, "Norway and Sweden," sung by Grace Simister and Myrla Moore.

Solo, entitled "Serbia," by Nancy Simister holding a lighted candle.

English Christmas carol by eight girls.

Recitation, "Poland," Joe Nun.

Chorus by school, "Peace on Earth" Recitation, "Islands of the Sea,"

followed by a song "Over the Sea," by Hilda Marson, Bernice Brethour,

Kathleen Brethour, Jean Munro. Recitation, "Plum Pudding Boy,"

Norman Armstrong. Recitation, "Greedy Jim," Thom-

mie Nun. Recitation, "Merry Christmas," by

fourteen boys and girls. Recitation, "The Naughty Little

Rabbit," Hilda Taylor. Recitation, "The Ginger Bread

Boys," Raymond Marson. Recitation, "The Milkman's Horse"

Myrla Moore. Canada drill by six girls with

wreaths. Chorus by the school, "The Christ-

mas Star Shines Round the World."

When the last chorus had been sung by the school Santa Claus came up-

on the platform and shook hands with all the younger children, who

were very pleased to see him. After talking to the children for a little

while he sang them a song "I'm a Jolly Old Boy." The children were

represented by Ralph Moore and Harry Curry, who recited for Santa

Claus what the children thought of Christmas and him. Santa then drew

the attention of the children to the Christmas tree all loaded with gifts

which he had sent on ahead of him for them. He then distributed the

parcels to the eager anxious young-

sters. When this was accomplished the whole company sang "God Save

the King," and all went home with merry hearts.

Special prizes were given to schol-

ars in the schools for attendance and merit. Miss Marjorie Brethour was

presented with a handsome Bible by the superintendent of the North Saan-

ich school as a first prize. For the Wesley school Myrla Moore received

a beautiful illustrated New Testa-

ment as the scholar attaining unto highest merit. Grace Simister also

received a special prize in that she ran Myrla a close second. Lyla

Pohel received a lovely New Testa-

ment as first prize in the junior girls

grade. Ralph Moore got first prize

for the intermediate boys' grade,

while Victor Pohel got first prize for the junior boys' grade.

ST. PAUL'S SALE OF WORK.

The St. Paul's Ladies Aid sale of work was a huge success and they wish to thank all who contributed in any way to such a splendid result. The proceeds were as follows:

Sale of work.....\$168.55
Expenses incurred..... 38.85

Receipts for year's work.....\$120.70

The Girl Guides collected at their sale stall the sum of \$6.30.

The concert for the Red Cross, which was ably conducted by Mrs. E. V. Chute and Mr. John Nicol, netted \$10.00.

Altogether there was contributed for patriotic purposes:

Children's Sunday School.....\$6.50
Girl Guides..... 6.30
Red Cross Fund..... 10.00

Total.....\$22.80

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GENERAL FRENCH SAYS FAREWELL TO THE ARMY.

Field Marshal Sir John French issued the following order of the day yesterday before leaving the army on the western front:

"In relinquishing command of the British army in France I wish to express to the officers, the non-commissioned officers and men, with whom I have been so closely associated during the last sixteen months, my heartfelt sorrow in parting with them before the campaign in which we have been so long engaged together has been brought to a victorious conclusion.

"I have, however, the firmest conviction that such a glorious ending to their splendid and heroic efforts is not far distant, and I will watch their progress towards this final goal with intense interest, but in the most confident hope. The success so far attained has been due to the indomitable spirit and dogged tenacity which knows no defeat, and the heroic courage so abundantly displayed by the rank and file of the splendid army which it will ever remain the pride and glory of my life to have commanded during over sixteen months of incessant fighting.

"The regulars and the territorials of the old army have ever shown these magnificent qualities in equal degree. From my heart I thank them all.

At this sad moment of parting my heart goes out to those who have received life-long injury from wounds, and I think with sorrow of that great and glorious host of my beloved comrades, who have made the greatest sacrifice of all by laying down their lives for their country.

"In saying good-bye to the British army in France I ask them once again to accept this expression of my deepest gratitude and heartfelt devotion towards them, and my earnest good wishes for a glorious future, which I feel to be assured.

J. D. P. FRENCH,
Field Marshal,
Commander-in-Chief
British Army in France.

ZEPPELIN CREW WERE FOUND FROZEN DEAD.

London, Dec. 18.—Eight members of the crew of a Zeppelin airship which raided London on October 13, were found frozen to death on their return to Germany, according to the Daily Express, which although it is unable to vouch for the truth of the story, says it has been openly discussed in Germany, where it caused a profound impression and possibly acted as a deterrent to further raids.

WOMAN PASTOR CALLED.

St. Albans, Vt., Dec. 14.—The Rev. Albertie S. Philips, of Montpelier, Vt., to-day, accepted a call to the pastorate of the Universalist Church at Huntingville, Que. Miss Philips, it was stated, would be the only Universalist woman preacher in the Dominion of Canada. She will begin her pastoral duties on January 1.

A captain in a London Territorial regiment tells this story: One of his men, who a year ago was an assistant in a grocer's store, has proved himself a perfect demon with the bayonet and with this weapon alone has accounted for nearly a score of Germans. But the habits of the counter still prevail, and every time he lets daylight into a Hun he says politely: "Pay at the desk, please."

MR. REDMOND BRINGS MESSAGE FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND

Mr. Redmond on his return to London after his week at the front, spent in visiting the Irish regiments there, appeared within two hours of his return on the platform at the Queen's Hall to appeal to Irishmen in London to enlist in the London Irish Rifles. Mr. Redmond describing his trip through Belgium said in part:

"Yesterday I spent in Belgium. I have never in my life felt so thrilled by pity and indignation. I went along the Belgian firing lines, and I looked out. I saw in one direction an endless sea of war where the people had opened the floodgates and inundated their own land in order to protect themselves. The water is saltish and I was told by Belgians there that it will be ten years after the end of the war before the land can be properly cultivated again. I then drove where there was no water for miles, through villages and towns without a single living inhabitant. There was not a single civilian in some of these towns. There were a few Belgian soldiers living in cellars, but there was not a building standing. Such a scene of desolation and horror you cannot conceive. Churches were battered to the ground and, what should touch us even more nearly, every house battered to the ground. To go down the centre of the street you have to climb over heaps of broken furniture, broken statues of the Virgin and of our Lord, and the little utensils and household goods of these people in one great mass of ruin. The bombardment still goes on.

To-day in the town of Nieuport, which was a flourishing fashionable seaside resort before the war, there is not a single man or woman or child. The day before we went there the shelling had been renewed—what military object to be derived from it I do not know. There was just one small portion of one tower of that superb Cathedral standing, and the day before I went there the Germans battered it down.

I read in the papers before I went a number of stories about crucifixes and hold statues escaping marvellously, but I had not paid very much attention to them. In this particular Cathedral I saw the walls battered down almost to the ground, but about twelve feet high in some places; while just outside, opposite where the front door had been, there was standing a stone pillar about fourteen feet high with a crucifix upon it, and though wherever the eye could reach there was nothing but ruin and desolation, there was not a scratch upon that pillar or crucifix. It is an extraordinary sight. The crucifix is standing with the ruined church behind it, and all round nothing but desolation and wretchedness. No man could see that without being profoundly touched.

King Albert.

Then I was presented to the King of the Belgians. There is no more heroic figure and no more tragic figure in the world to-day, or indeed it would not be too much to say in the pages of history. There he is, a man of magnificent physique, in the bloom of his manhood, living for the last 15 months in a little detached villa on the sands, within about 30 feet of the sea, facing the cruel, melancholy sea, right in the shell area with shells falling all round from time to time. There he stands alone with a kingdom 25 miles long and only 10 miles deep, with the remnant of his people in the trenches. He spends his time entirely in the trenches or riding about the lines or looking across the sea into the immeasurable future for some hope for his country or his people. But not with one quaver in his heart or his mind. There he stands and there he will stand, whatever the result may be for the independence of his country and for the rights of his people.

I told him I could speak on these questions for Ireland—Ireland poor and weak, but Ireland yet determined at any cost, at any sacrifice, to stand

by the Belgian nation. He cordially expressed his sense of gratitude for the action of Ireland. He told me he was familiar with the connecting history of Belgium and Ireland, and that all through the war he had noticed with the deepest gratitude the sympathy of Ireland. He said with emotion to me that nothing had touched him more than the spectacle of the poor Irish people in every little parish subscribing money for the Belgian refugees, and he added, "I have been told that the little Irish children subscribed money." He asked me to bring back to the Irish people the expression of his good will and gratitude, and I ended the interview by assuring him that, come weal or woe, so long as it rested with us in Ireland we would have no peace which had not as its first condition the repatriation of the Belgians.

In conclusion let me say that I have brought back from the Irish troops, at the front a message to Ireland. I told them that I brought them a message from Ireland of sympathy and of pride and encouragement, and they asked me to bring back the message to Ireland that they felt, every man of them, that in this war they were fighting, not merely for the absolute principle of liberty and right, not merely to avenge Belgium, but that they were fighting for the freedom and prosperity of their own beloved Ireland. All they ask is that Ireland will stand by them. Ireland has sent them to the front, Ireland's duty is to stand by them; and what I would say to the Irish people is that Ireland would forever be disgraced in the history of the world if, having sent these men to the front, they did not raise the necessary reserves to fill every gap that may arise in their ranks.

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Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 per acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,

Deputy Minister of the Interior
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Sidney, B. C., December 17, 1915.

Dear Sir or Madam,

You are hereby notified that at a meeting of the subscribers to the Machine Gun Fund held here on the 16th inst., it was decided to return the amount paid by you, if demanded, or you are at liberty to instruct the Merchants Bank to transfer immediately your amount to any of the war funds you desire. At the expiration of thirty days from date any balance found on hand will be equally divided and paid over to the Red Cross and Patriotic Aid Funds.

J. J. WHITE, Chairman.
A. E. MOORE, Secretary.

NOTICE!

On New Year's Eve, December 31st, 1915, also New Year's Night, January 1st, 1916, the last train on the Saanich Interurban will leave Victoria at 11 p. m., instead of 10.30 p. m.

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NEW SECRETARY FOR THE BOARD

SIDNEY WHARF RECEIVES THE SPECIAL ATTENTION OF A COMMITTEE.

The regular session of the Sidney Board of Trade was not by any means a long one on Tuesday evening, but it was surprising the amount of business transacted. This no doubt was due to the fact that the committees had their work well in hand and had their reports in splendid shape for presentation to the members and the recommendations they made were ordered carried out with but very little discussion.

Mr. Guy Walker, one of the newly elected members, was present for the first time and took his seat on the board. On being introduced by President White, Mr. Walker made a few well chosen remarks as to the position he hoped to occupy as a member of the board and promised his hearty co-operation and support. He also complimented the board on the splendid work they have accomplished in the past, and although he had heard some criticism of the organization, yet he felt certain that in a great many cases it was unjust and unfair. Criticism, in Mr. Walker's opinion, always acts for good on a body of men such as the board of trade, as it gave them an incentive to do more and better work.

The resignation of Mr. George Frith Smith as secretary came as a surprise to most of the members, but in his letter of resignation Mr. Smith informed the board that it would be impossible for him to do justice to the work now that he is unable to attend the meetings regularly owing to his employment keeping him on duty during the evening.

His resignation was accepted and the president called for nominations for a new secretary. Only one name was mentioned in this connection, that of Mr. W. H. Dawes, who was accordingly elected by acclamation.

The committee on street lighting reported progress, but owing to the fact that certain information was not yet to hand they asked that they be given power to deal with the matter as soon as this information was secured, as it would expediate matters in getting the new system proposed into working order. Their request was endorsed by the board and the committee will make a final report on the next meeting.

Mr. W. H. Dawes, the committee of one appointed two weeks ago to take up the matter of the repairs on the Beacon Avenue wharf with the authorities, evidently made up his mind that he would get results, and had quite a sheaf of letters to read to the board from the heads of the Dominion and Provincial departments in connection with this matter. Most of these promised that the repairs

would be attended to very shortly, but Mr. Frank Shepherd, M.P., in his reply to Mr. Dawes' letter, put a different aspect on the matter as it now stands, and in order that our readers may be fully conversant with the efforts the Board of Trade are making to have the wharf repaired at the earliest possible moment, we publish below Mr. Dawes' letter to Mr. Shepherd and his answer thereto: Mr. F. H. Shepherd, M.P.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by the Sidney Board of Trade to draw your attention to the fact that up to date nothing has yet been done to repair the wharf at Sidney. This matter has on several occasions been brought to your notice, both by letter and personal interview, and you promised our president, Mr. J. J. White, several months ago that the matter should receive immediate attention. It is hardly necessary for me to inform you how serious this delay is to Sidney. Boats refuse to come in if only a moderately rough sea is running owing to the dangerous condition of the wharf.

The Board hopes that you will use your best endeavors and give this matter your immediate attention. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
W. H. DAWES.
Sidney, B. C., Dec. 17, 1915.

W. H. Dawes, Esq., Secretary Sidney Board of Trade, Sidney, B. C.

Dear Sir,—I have your letter of the 17th inst., with regard to the condition of the Sidney wharf, and which in the last analysis accuses me of apathy in the matter.

I wish to inform your Board that I have left no stone unturned to have these repairs effected. The Resident Engineer has at my request pressed this matter by letter and wire repeatedly, but so far has not been successful in getting the necessary authority to proceed with the repairs.

The fact of the matter is, that the Minister of Finance is pressing all the Ministers for retrenchment so that he may be enabled to provide the millions which are necessary to finance Canada's share in saving the Empire from extinction.

I will instance the fact that your own proposed public building has been delayed upon this account, and I could quote you other instances from one end of the constituency to the other just as keen and just as needed as your own request that the Sidney wharf should be repaired.

But notwithstanding this, I have instructed the Resident Engineer to make another appeal by wire setting forth the absolute need of these repairs.

I do not wish for one moment to question the loyalty of your Board, but it is just as pertinent for me to suggest to your Board, that the Minister who is withholding the necessary amount to effect these repairs, cannot be accused of disloyalty either.

I will advise you as soon as I hear further in the matter, but in conclusion I would suggest to your Board that there has been no apathy with regard to this matter on the part of myself or the Resident Engineer.

Yours truly,
F. H. SHEPHERD, M.P.
Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 20, 1915.

WANT NEW HALL

The Editor, Sidney Review.

Dear Sir,—I have always recognized the fact that the future of South Salt Spring Island is closely bound up with that of Sidney, and that any step taken by us to increase that bond must be mutually advantageous. At 8 p. m. on Friday evening, December 31st, a meeting is to be held at the Burgoyne Valley school to consider:

1. The best means of obtaining that long felt want, a public hall for our district, located not so far from Fulford Harbor as to deter our many friends from Sidney and the other Islands from visiting us when we have an event on.
2. To complete the organization of an active branch of the Overseas Club that leading and world-wide organization for patriotic work which, with

its large and widespread membership has done so much for our men in the trenches. But this club, besides being so well known is, I believe, well represented in Sidney, and I hope this intimation may induce some of our friends from there to come and see us on the above date, and aid us in our organization work by their presence. The meeting will end with a dance, and the proceeds of the door money will be devoted to the objects of the club.

I believe that when we have our new hall and our club in full swing, that by the organizing of a series of social events for patriotic purposes, a new era will open for us and a close bond between us and Sidney will be established.

Yours truly,

W. J. L. HAMILTON

MR. E. BLACKBURN WAS APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.

At the public meeting called for 7.30 o'clock on Tuesday evening in the Board of Trade rooms, Mr. E. Blackburn, of the firm of Harvey & Blackburn, was elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy on the board of Fire Commissioners, caused by the retirement of Mr. F. M. Humber, who has moved away from the district.

The attendance of citizens was anything but large, we are sorry to say, but those that did put in an appearance were unanimous in their choice of Mr. Blackburn as one of their representatives on the board of fire commissioners, and with his extended knowledge of the needs of the district and his experience as one of the leading business men of the town, his election will no doubt be of great benefit to that organization.

The election of a chief of the fire brigade was left in the hands of the commissioners, and the suggestion was made that they proceed with the organization of a fire brigade from among the business men of the town, as practically all our young men have gone to the front. In turn the brigade would elect their own chief subject to the approval of the commissioners. The matter was thus left when the meeting adjourned.

SECOND APPEAL FOR THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Somewhat over a year ago, as the President of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, I made an appeal to the people of the Dominion for funds to assist the families of the gallant men who were going to the front. Though anticipating a generous response, I was hardly prepared for the magnificent manner in which the call was met. Monies have poured into the treasury of the Fund until the total contributions have reached and exceeded six million dollars.

Large, however, as this sum appears, it has not greatly exceeded current demands and, if peace were declared in the immediate future, the entire surplus on hand would be required before all the men of the Expeditionary Force could again return home.

To-day there are 25,000 families, comprising, it is estimated, 80,000 individuals dependent upon the Patriotic Fund.

With further recruiting the demands upon the fund, will with each succeeding month, continue to grow, so that it is estimated that, should the war continue during 1916, a sum amounting to some \$8,000,000 and probably more will be required. This would, however, only mean \$1 per head of the population for the people of Canada, and it is little indeed to ask those who remain at home in comparison with the sacrifice in life and limb of those who are fighting in defence of the Nation.

(Sgd.) ARTHUR.

Pres. Canadian Patriotic Fund.
Government House, Ottawa.

A company of Sherwood Foresters were walking along the bank of a river, when suddenly the commanding officer shouted, "Fall in!" "No fear!" answered a raw recruit. "I didn't join the Coldstream Guards"

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"Watch Night" at St. Paul's on Friday night at 11.15.

Miss Grimmer, of Victoria, spent Christmas with friends in Sidney.

Mr. Edgar Brethour, of Vancouver, spent Christmas week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White.

Wednesday, January 5th, 1916, will be devotional night at League. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

Mr. Ernest Petch, of Victoria, will sing a solo at the morning service in Wesley Church next Sunday.

A preparatory service will be held at St. Paul's Church on Friday evening at 8 p. m. All members and communicants please notice.

Mr. Jack Roberts has returned to Sidney to take up his residence after spending several months with one of the regiments in Victoria.

Miss Eva Hart, of Sidney, sang "A Little Pink Petty From Peter" at the banquet given to the returned wounded soldiers in Victoria on Wednesday evening.

A very enjoyable party was given by Miss Olive Brethour on Monday evening. The time was spent in dancing and the playing of various games, after which a dainty repast was served.

At the International Egg Laying Contest now being held in Victoria, Dr. Blackman, of Sidney, is leading with a pen of Rhode Island Reds in the heavyweight class, and Miss Eva Hart is fourth in the lightweight class with a pen of Leghorns. There are twenty contestants in each class.

Miss Houghten, convener of the needlework committee in connection with the Red Cross work, urgently requests all the ladies who possibly can to be in attendance at the Red Cross rooms on Friday afternoon in order that the delay in the work caused by the holiday last week may in a measure be made up. Please come early and stay as long as you can.

Mrs. A. Munro, of North Saanich, spent last week visiting friends in Victoria and while there had the pleasure of attending the wedding of Miss Mary MacKenzie, who at one time lived in North Saanich. The bridegroom was Mr. Arthur MacCallum, of Victoria, and the ceremony took place at the Bishop's Palace on December 21st. After the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to the Empress Hotel where the wedding breakfast was served and a reception held prior to the happy couple departing on their honeymoon trip.

The rest and reading room established in the store formerly occupied by Mr. W. R. Smith on Beacon Avenue by the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire for the convenience of the soldier boys of the 67th Western Scots during their brief stay here last week, was much appreciated by them, and it was gratifying to note how many of them availed themselves of the opportunity to write letters and read the papers and magazines placed at their disposal through the kindness of the members of this organization.

Capt. L. Adamson has presented the Red Cross Society of Victoria with the beautiful little pony and cart owned by him and so often admired on the streets of Sidney. The whole outfit was shipped to Victoria by the Queen City on Tuesday evening. It is likely the intention of the Red Cross Society to make a draw for the handsome little child's driving outfit in the near future, and it is very likely the branch of the Society here will have a number of tickets for sale on it. If they do they should sell rapidly as the wee little pony and cart were the pride of not only Mr. and Mrs. Adamson and family but the whole district.

Miss M. Williams came out from Victoria on Saturday to spend the Christmas holiday at her home here.

Mrs. Gordon Dixon and children, of Victoria, are spending the Christmas holidays in Sidney visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cochran, of Victoria, spent Christmas in Sidney the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Cochran.

The subject for the sermon in St. Paul's Church on Sunday evening will be "Communion." The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the service.

Corporal W. Munro, of the 103rd, spent the holiday last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Munro, of North Saanich. He was accompanied by his friend Corporal Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Thompson and family, and Miss Muriel Brethour returned to Victoria on Sunday after spending Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Brethour.

Three more of our Sidney boys left for the front recently. These being Elmer Johns, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johns, and Jas. and Charles McArtier, brothers of Alex. McArtier who left with the first contingent and is now in France with the 16th Battalion.

The regular monthly meeting of the Allies Chapter, I. O. D. E., North Saanich, will be held in the Berquist rooms on Tuesday afternoon, January 4th, 1916. All members are requested to be present as several important matters will come up for discussion.

Next Sunday will be "New Year's Sunday" at the Methodist churches. In the morning at Wesley Church the subject will be "How to Begin," and in the evening at the North Saanich Church the subject will be "Get a Vision." At the conclusion of the evening service the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered.

It gives us pleasure to announce that Capt. Worsnop has been given a commission in the newly formed 102nd Battalion, being promoted to Major, and he is at present taking a very active part in the organization of the new battalion. The Review wishes Major Worsnop all kinds of good luck.

Will the members of the Allies Chapter, I. O. D. E., who have finished sewing or knitting on hand kindly return to the needlework committee at the monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 4th. Members who have promised donations for the "Kit Bag" kindly send them in or bring them to the meeting.

The union social of the Epworth League and the Sidney Literary Society, held in Wesley Church on Wednesday evening was a pleasurable event. The programme, consisting of solos, readings, charades, contests and refreshments, was enjoyed by all. In most of the items everyone took part especially in the last, of which the ladies provided abundance of the best, thus leaving no room for words except thanks to the ladies.

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Little Floretta White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. White, won the Big Doll presented by Miss Irvine, of Victoria. The drawing for the doll which took place at Hibben's store, was in aid of the Blue Cross Fund, and Miss Floretta held the lucky ticket, No. 35.

St. Paul's Sunday school concert and Christmas tree was a fine success last Thursday evening. The children gave a splendid programme and finished up with exhibiting the family album. Many of the pictures were very realistic and artistic. The contributions given by the children and their friends in aid of the Belgian children amounted to \$6.50.

ENJOYS LIFE IN TRENCHES.

(Continued from page one.)

causes, and over here one can see at first hand the effect of the German idea and what our country and homes would become if the Huns prevailed. I am sure every man is not only glad to be in khaki, but grateful that he has the opportunity to help at such a time. Our men are splendid—it is more than inspiring to be with them.

You mention our bombing work. It is of course the great thing in trench warfare, and as the grenade men are ones who specially volunteer for such work, in every case you find them enthusiastic in that particular branch. In a brigade there are 160 men, known as the grenade company, who are experts in the work, and in addition all men are trained to handle grenades in case they are required to do so. The term "suicide club" as applied to the grenade company arose in the following curious manner:

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When the war started the Germans had plenty of grenades and we had none, so, to offset their grenade attacks our chaps made up grenades by using jam tins and filling them with explosives and missiles. But in order to get the empty tins they first had to eat the jam, hence the term "suicide club."

I hope this is legible, but as my left arm is in a sling through being tumbled into a ditch during an altercation with a shell, I am a little unsteady. Our own W. O. is fixing me up so I did not have to "go back" and I expect to be O. K. in a few days.

Yours sincerely,
W. W. FOSTER.

BIRTHS.

PICKERING—At Sidney, B. C., on Sunday, December 19, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pickering, a son.

STARLING—At Saanichton, B. C., on Monday, December 20, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Starling, a son.

DAWES—At Sidney, B. C., on December 25, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dawes, a son.

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